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have been surprised, while his counsel has been of incalculable assistance to me during the past year. He has won the respect, esteem and affection of our people that he will carry to his retirement the confidence of all with whom he has been associated, as well as the consciousness of having done his whole duty.

Charleston News and Courier: Additional light has been thrown upon the extravagance of the many Reconstruction Legislatures of South Carolina, by a fact which will be made public through official channels at an early day. It will be remembered that one of these Legislatures appropriated \$250,000 for the single item of public printing. At the last session the Democrats reduced this appropriation to \$10,000, which was justly considered a great saving, and it was thought "bottom" had been reached. The committee on public printing for this year, however, have ascertained to their amazement and gratification that at least \$4,000 of this appropriation remains unexpended for the treasury, with all the bills on this account paid.

The Jamesville and Washington Railroad.

The enterprise the name of which heads this article has a record which is an anomaly in the Railroad history of this State. Heralded by no popular meetings, supported by no imposing subscription list, neither clamored for nor pulled by any newspaper, making no appeals to the patriotism or the self-interest of the section through which it runs, without a dollar of State, county, town or private local subscription, inaugurated, pushed and completed as a business enterprise, silently but persistently, almost unobserved, the work has gone on until now it is completed and twenty-two miles of iron track, graded and equipped, connects Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds and spans the isthmus between the Roanoke and Tar Rivers. Started originally as a tramway to connect a large swamp South of Jamesville, purchased and owned by a Northern company, with their saw mills on the Roanoke at Jamesville, the road was first ironed and then gradually pushed through the swamp and finally on to its southern terminus at Washington. The road we believe was principally built and is owned by English capital.

Its history affords a fine example to us of what private enterprise can do, and is still more instructive to us as showing how our country can be opened up and rendered accessible and desirable by a proper encouragement of immigration. It was the fertilizing stream of immigration which turned the prairies of the West into the homes of a vast population. If we can direct that stream in this direction, our own noble old State can be made to blossom like a garden.

To the energy, good sense and financial management of the Company, whose very efficient representative is President A. Fisher, is North Carolina, and especially the country between the lower Roanoke and lower Tar river indebted for a valuable railroad for whose completion they might otherwise have waited a century in vain. Such enterprises add wealth to the State. We cordially welcome them and sincerely trust this is but the forerunner of many similar ones.

The schedule of this enterprising new railroad will be found in our advertising columns.

The Oxford Orphan Asylum.

Although the Grand Lodge failed to adopt or devise some endowment plan for the permanent maintenance of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, yet it passed the following satisfactory resolutions in regard to that invaluable institution: Resolved, 1. "That it shall be the duty of every Lodge to pay to the Orphan Asylum five dollars for every person initiated, and not less than five cents a month for every member on its roll, and to state in its annual returns, the amount of this contribution, and the names of the contributors, and the names of the children who have been committed to the care of the Orphan Asylum."

Resolved, 2. "That the Orphan be continued under the present regulations, and that orphans be received from 8 to 12 years of age and discharged at 16 or earlier at the discretion of the Superintendent, subject to the approval of the Most Worshipful Grand Master."

Resolved, 3. "That orphans be received from 8 to 12 years of age and discharged at 16 or earlier at the discretion of the Superintendent, subject to the approval of the Most Worshipful Grand Master."

Resolved, 4. "That the Grand Master appoint an agent or agents for the purpose of canvassing the State to raise funds for the immediate support of the orphan work, for an endowment fund, and to secure subscriptions to the orphan fund, and that he or they be allowed such commissions for his or their services as may be agreed on by the persons so selected as the Grand Master."

Resolved, 5. "That the Grand Master be and he is authorized to select and appoint an agent or agents for the purpose of canvassing the State to raise funds for the immediate support of the orphan work, for an endowment fund, and to secure subscriptions to the orphan fund, and that he or they be allowed such commissions for his or their services as may be agreed on by the persons so selected as the Grand Master."

Resolved, 6. "That an appropriation of \$2,000 be made for the support of the orphan asylum for the current Masonic year and the Grand Master issue a special circular to Gen. W. G. Leake, United States Commissioner of Agriculture, This will be distributed throughout the United States for seed."

Judge Allen, the new speaker of the Virginia Legislature, is about 35; is about 5 feet 1 inch high; broad shouldered and stoutly built; dark hair and eyes and very fair complexion. He is a good looking man. His face is a pleasant one. He speaks very slowly—almost too slowly. No man in Virginia is of higher lineage. His father was the illustrious President of the Supreme Court of Appeals.

Montgomery Blair says he is a candidate for the United States Senate from Maryland because he thinks he will find in forcing on issues which will consolidate the people and reinstate them in the actual control of their Government, and take it out of the hands of monopolists and jobbers. He claims that Thomas A. Scott and Jay Gould were the "fowlers" that spread the Electoral Commission net, and that "they" lured the bird into the net with the hundreds millions involved in their measures then and still before Congress.

Gov. Hampton, in transmitting the resignation of Attorney-General Connor, to the General Assembly of South Carolina, said: "The arduous duties of this office have been discharged with a zeal, energy and patriotism which could no

Sampson County Agricultural Fair.

The Annual Fair of the Sampson County Agricultural Society, will be held in the town of Clinton, beginning on Tuesday, Dec. 11th and closing on Friday the 14th inst. We are glad to learn that the prospects for this exhibition are very promising. The people of Sampson, and the counties adjoining, are alive to their interests in patronizing so liberally the Annual Fair of this county. The premiums offered by the society and private individuals are exceedingly liberal.

His Excellency Gov. Vance has accepted an invitation to deliver the annual address before the society. On Thursday, Dec. 13th, Col. Polk, the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture of North Carolina, will also be present and address the people on a rural pursuits &c. We trust our friends in Sampson may meet, with that success they so richly deserve. The News will be represented on the occasion by an efficient reporter, and a daily report of the proceedings of the society will be furnished our readers.

Judge Bond.

The conduct of His Honor, Judge Bond, United States Circuit Judge, toward the gentlemen of the Bar, is a subject of frequent and general remark. His courteous bearing and extreme regard for the feelings of the gentlemen of the profession, are particularly striking, and his suave and gentle way of exhibiting these traits, is too remarkable to escape observation. We have not heard that there is to be any meeting of the Bar to express in the shape of a string of resolutions, framed of five adjectives in the superlative degree to each noun substantive, of the feelings of the Bar towards His Honor, but we suggest that, if this is not done, each one will entertain the sentiments in a private way, as strongly as if written out on fool's cap with the name of a President and Secretary at the bottom of them.

A Railroad to the University.

We are glad to learn that there is a probability of arrangements being perfected at an early day for the construction of a Railroad to the University. Chapel Hill is the only State University in the whole Union not accessible by Railroad. Nothing would do more to add to its usefulness, and to make its success sure than the rendering it accessible. The University is the property of the State, and the people of the whole State regardless of party or church affiliations are interested in all that will tend to promote its prosperity.

We were one of the earliest as we have been one of the most persistent friends of the University, and no one will be more pleased than we at anything which will tend, as this will, to advance its interests.

The crisis in France is passed. McMahon bows to the will of the people as expressed through the action or determination of the Chamber of Deputies. A conciliatory plan, executed on the part of the Chamber by M. Dufrane, an exponent of the conservative opinion of the country who acted as a sort of intermediary between the Chamber and Marshal McMahon, has on yesterday adopted. This results immediately in the formation of a parliamentary ministry, instead of one appointed by McMahon and devoted to his views and policy. This is a triumph of the believers in the Republic, a defeat of the Monarchists; and insures the peace of France for the present.

We are indebted to the Secretary of the Interior of the United States for a copy of the Annual Report on the operations of the Department for the fiscal year, ending June 30th, 1877.

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